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1. KOREA
REID (WP) DOES ITEM ON SK'S RECENT PROPOSAL TO ARRANGE FOR US QUESTIONING OF TONGSUN PARK IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY. NOTES OFFER CAME JUST BEFORE HOUSE OF REPS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SK FOR FAILURE TO COOPERATE IN

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INVESTIGATIONS. RESOLUTION, SPONSORED BY ALL 12 MEMBERS OF HOUSE ETHICS CMTE, ASSERTS THAT ROKG RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLUENCE-BUYING SCHEME: THAT TRADITIONAL ALLIANCE BETWN US/SK MIGHT BE DAMAGED IF SK FAILS TO COOPERATE IN US INVESTIGATIONS. DURING DEBATE ON MEASURE, REP ED DERWINSKI (R-ILL) WHO IS SUSPECTED BY DOJ OF TIPPING OFF SK WHEN KOREAN AGENT PARK WAS ABOUT TO COOPERATE W/HOUSE INVESTIGATORS, ANNOUNCED WOULD SPEAK ON RESOLUTION. ABOUT 300 REPS CAME TO HEAR HIM, BELIEVING DERWINSKI WOULD COMMENT ON DOJ ALLEGATIONS. HOWEVER, DERWINSKI ONLY STRESSED NEED FOR STRONG SK ARMY TO RESIST COMMUNISM. RESOLUTION, WHICH PASSED 407-0, WILL HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE EFFECT ON US AID TO OR AGREEMENTS W SK.
SCALLY (REUTER 10 31) CARRIED SIMILAR REPORT NOTING THAT BRIEF DEBATE OCCURRED WHEN 2 SPEAKERS URGED MEMBERS TO SEPARATE INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL FROM US SECURITY INTERESTS IN PACIFIC/PROPOSED AID FOR SK.
SUN, PHINC CARRY AP STORY ON SK PROPOSAL; ATTY GEN BELL'S REMARKS OF 10/31 INDICATING THAT SK MIGHT "CHANGE ITS

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MIND" AND PERMIT TONGSUN PARK TO TESTIFY." BELL TOLD REPORTERS THAT "FOR ALL I KNOW, HE (PARK) MAY WANT TO COME BACK." BELL ALSO SAID SK UNDER "A LOT OF PRESSURE" TO CHANGE POSITION ON PARK.

2. CHINA

IN NCNA INTERVIEW, PRC VICE-MIN OF FON TRADE, CHIA SHIH, SAID IDEOLOGY WILL NOT PREVENT PRC FROM "LEARNING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES" BY SEEKING TO IMPORT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. SHIH ALSO PREDICTED A GENERAL INCREASE WILL OCCUR IN PRC'S FON TRADE; NOTED THAT PRC NOW PREPARING TO PROMOTE TRADE

RELS W/OTHER COUNTRIES ON "BASIS OF EQUALITY MUTUAL BENEFIT" (UPI, HK NYT, JOC).

ACCORDING TO COURT PROCLAMATIONS, AT LEAST 23 PERSONS EXECUTED IN KUNMING. MAINLY FOR POL CRIMES. EXECUTIONS LATEST IN SERIES ACROSS COUNTRY SINCE PURGE OF GANG OF 4. PROCLAMATIONS INDICATE THAT PURGE OF GANG'S FOLLOWERS IS CONTINUING. PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCASTS SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT CAMPAIGN PROCEEDING NEITHER AS QUICKLY SMOOTHLY AS CENTRAL LEADERSHIP WOULD LIKE. TRAVELERS TO KUNMING SAID POSTED COURT PROCLAMATIONS CONTAINED 47 NAMES, 23 OF WICH WERE LISTED FOR IMMEDIATE EXECUTION IN SEPT. OTHER 24 SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS (REUTER PEKING, WP).

DESPITE GOOD GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT GROWTH RATE, HK FCON LOOKING FRAGILE ACCORDING TO LATEST EMPLOYMENT TRADE FIGURES. IN YEAR ENDED JUNE, EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILES/ GARMENTS FELL BY 15,000. TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPT SHOWED DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECLINED FOR 2ND MONTH IN ROW (JOC HK).

3. AUSTRALIA

PRINCE CHARLES ARRIVES SYDNEY TO BEGIN 11-DAY AUSTRALIA VISIT (REUTER, SYDNEY).

JOC'S STOVE DOES ITEM ON AUSTRALIA'S AGGRESSIVE ALUMINUM INDUSTRY. NOTES ALL SECTIONS OF INDUSTRY--MINING/REFINING SMELTING/FABRICATION--LOOKING FORWARD TO PERIOD OF RECORD EXPANSION FOLLOWING WORST SLUMP INDUSTRY HAS EXPERIENCED.

4. NEW ZEALAND

MULDOON LEAVES 11/7 FOR 3-WK US VISIT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MTGS W/PRES CARTER, OTHER US OFFICIALS. MULDOON WILL FLY L.A. 11/7, ARRIVE WASHINGTON FOLLOWING

DAY. PM TO MEET CARTER 11/9 (REUTER NEW ZEALAND).

5. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS LIFTED 5-YR MARTIAL LAW BAN ON FREE DEBATE 10/31 TO ENSURE GENUINE BALLOT IN PRESIDENTIAL REFERENDUM 12/17. TOLD JOURNALISTS NO ONE DISCUSSING REFERENDUM WOULD BE ARRESTED PROVIDED THEY DIDN'T VIOLATE SECURITY LAWS (REUTER MANILA 10 31; UPI, NYT).

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6. JAPAN
JAPANESE TEXTILE WORKERS HAVE CALLED FOR PUBLIC BOYCOTT ON GOODS SOLD IN JAPAN BY J P STEVENS CO. GROUP RESPONDING TO AFL-CIO CALL FOR INTL BOYCOTT AGAINST NY-BASED FIRM ON GROUNDS IT HAS TRIED STOP ATTEMPTS BY ITS WORKERS TO ORGANIZE UNION (REUTER TOKYO 10/31).
DOLLAR HITS ANOTHER RECORD LOW ON TOKYO FOREX MART 11/1, CLOSING AT 248.60 TO YEN (REUTER TOKYO).
SHIPBUILDING ORDERS TAKEN BY JAPAN'S 35 MAJOR YARDS DURING 6 MOS FROM APRIL FELL TO 208 VESSELS FROM 288 DURING SAME PD LAST YR. TOTAL TONNAGE SHIPS LAUNCHED IN JAPAN FELL 49 PCT IN SAME PD (REUTER TOKYO).
GOJ SAYS JAPAN WILL HAVE BUMPER RICE HARVEST THIS YR. ESTIMATED AT 13.09 METRIC TONS--4TH LARGEST ON RECORD.
FON MIN HATOYAMA TOLD PRESS CONF JAPAN SHOULD CONSIDER USING SURPLUS AS FOOD AID FOR INDONESIA/OTHER COUNTRIES SUFFERING SHORTAGES (REUTER TOKYO).
WSJ'S JANSSEN (UK) DOES ITEM ON BRITISH OPPOSITION TO
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PROPOSED HITACHI TV PLANT IN WASHINGTON NEW TOWN. REMARKS UK TV MFRS/THEIR LABOR UNIONS HAVE WHIPPED UP BITTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLANT, CONTENDING IT WOULD UNDERMINE/ULTIMATELY CAUSE DESTRUCTION BRITISH TV INDUSTRY. HITACHI ARGUES UK SHOULD WELCOME CREATION 500 JOBS IN AREA WHERE UNEMPLOYMENT RUNS SOME 50 PCT ABOVE UK AVG.
7. INDONESIA
JAKARTA DAILY "KOMPAS" SAID 11 1 PEOPLE IN SOME PARTS BEEN FORCED EAT GRASS/TREE ROOTS DUE FOOD SHORTAGE CAUSED BY LONG DROUGHT. SAID SOME 13,000 ON SUMBAWA ISLAND, EAST OF BALI, SUFFERING FROM SUCH SHORTAGES (REUTER JAKARTA).
8. THAILAND
AMEMB BANGKOK SPOKESMAN SAYS US HAS CUT BACK ITS CORPS OF MIL ADVISORS IN THAILAND TO 40 IN RECENT WKS IN LINE W/US LEGISLATION LIMITING MAG AROUND WORLD. THIS CUTS US ADVISORS IN THAILAND BY HALF WHILE US RETAINS REFUELING RTS AT TAKHLI (REUTER BANGKOK).
9. THAILAND/CAMBODIA
THAI FORCES HAVE REPELLED CAMBODIAN ATTACK ON BORDER VILLAGE IN WHICH 3 VILLAGERS KILLED. FURTHER 16 VILLAGERS MISSING AFTER KR TROOPS RAIDED HAMLET NEAR ARANYAPRATHET BORDER DISTRICT 10 31, BURNED DOWN SCHOOL, 9 HOUSES (REUTER BANGKOK, 10 31).
10. VIETNAM
ACCORDING REUTER (NYT HANOI), VN OPENING UP TO TOURISTS
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W KINDNESS TYPICAL OF VIETS BUT W ABOUT AS MUCH COMPREHEN-

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SION OF WEST AS WESTERNERS HAVE OF VN. SAYS ONE MAJOR MIS-
UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WESTERN TOURISTS TIRE EASILY. BUT
SINCE THEY ARE BASICALLY DIVIDED INTO 2 CATEGORIES--POLIT-
ICALLY MOTIVATED/FEVERISH GLOBETROTTERS--THEY HAVE NO TIME
FOR REST. SAYS VIETS ALSO SERVE TOURISTS WESTERN FOOD,
WHEN MANY WANT LOCAL DISHES. MOST GRUMBLING, THO, CONCERNS
QUALITY HOTELS.
WSJ'S GOTTSCHALK NOTES AFTER LONG SILENCE, US MOVIE
MAKERS HAVE DECIDED TIME RIPE FOR LOOK AT ONCE-TABOO
FILM SUBJECT--VN WAR. AT LEAST 8 MOVIES ON SUBJECT, AT
TOTAL COST 68 MIL DOLS. BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE THIS
FALL NEXT YR.
11. VIETNAM/SINGAPORE
GOS SPOKESMAN SAID 10/31 "THERE IS NO TRUTH" IN VN NEWS
AGNCY/RADIO HANOI REPORTS THAT SINGAPORE HAS DECIDED
RETURN HIJACKERS OF AIR VIETNAM PLANE. SPOKESMAN REITER-
ATED THAT ONCE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETE, 4 TERRORISTS
WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE W INTL LAWS CONVENTIONS.
SENIOR GOVT SOURCE SAID HE EXPECTED DECISION ON MATTER
W/IN NEXT 2 DAYS. DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS SAID GOS STATE-
MENTS INDICATE AUTHORITIES TAKING TOUGH STAND AGAINST
HIJACKERS (REUTER'S EARNSHAW, SINGAPORE 10/31).
IN 11/1 REPORT FROM SINGAPORE, REUTER'S FREEMAN SAYS DELAY
IN DECISION HAS REINFORCED SPECULATION GOS SEEKING
ESTABLISH JURISDICTION IN CASE WILL PUT HIJACKERS ON
TRIAL. GOS OFFICIAL REFUSED CONFIRM LOCAL NEWSPAPER
REPORTS THAT VN MADE OFFICIAL DEMAND FOR TERRORISTS'
RETURN. GOVT ALSO REFUSED CONFIRM REPORTS THAT HIJACKERS
HAD ASKED GO TO US OR FRANCE. AMEMB SPOKESMAN SAID EMB
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HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES ABOUT
HIJACKING.
12. BURMA
HEAVY FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT BETWN GOVT FORCES COMMUNIST
GUERRILLAS IN BURMA'S NE BORDER REGION WHERE 600 GUERRILLAS
REPORTED KILLED IN PAST 8 MOS. OBSERVERS SAY RESURGENCE
REBEL ACTIVITY IN NE BORDER REGION COULD MEAN MAIN COMMUNIST
THRUST HAS SWITCHED FROM EASTERN BURMA TO NE (REUTER
BANGKOK).
COMMENT AND ANALYSIS
13. CHINA
BRZEZINSKI (WP) IN ARTICLE ON US FON POLICY MAKES FOLLOWING
REMARKS RE PRC: NO STABLE/JUST WORLD ORDER WOULD BE
COMPLETE W/O TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROPER ROLE OF PRC. US
RECOGNIZES THAT PEACE IN SEA AS WELL AS IN WORLD, DEPENDENT
UPON "CONSTRUCTIVE" US PRC RELATIONSHIP; THAT "MUTUAL
INTEREST, NOT SENTIMENT" BROUGHT 2 COUNTRIES CLOSER TO
GETHER. SAYS BOTH NATIONS MUST CONTINUE TO IMPROVE RELS.
NORMALIZATION IS NECESSARY BUT EVEN SHORT THAT. BRZEZINSKI
STATES, BOTH COUNTRIES WILL FIND IT USEFUL TO DEVELOP

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CLOSER CONSULTATIVE RELS." "A DEEPER CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP," HE ASSERTS, "CAN RESULT IN AN APPROACH TO WORLD AFFAIRS THAT IS MUTUALLY REINFORCING INCREASINGLY COOPERATIVE."
MORITZ (CSM PEKING) DOES BRIEF, IMPRESSIONISTIC ITEM ON PRC, DESCRIBING COUNTRY AS "PUZZLE." TO MORITZ, THAT PUZZLE BECOMES APPARENT WHEN A VISITOR ATTEMPTS TO SEPARATE THOSE ELEMENTS IN PRESENT-DAY CHINA THAT REFLECT ITS CONFUCIAN HERITAGE FROM THE ELEMENTS THAT REFLECT ADHERENCE TO COMMUNIST-STYLE AUTHORITARIANISM. ONE'S

INTERPRETATION, MORTIZ SUGGESTS, DOES NOT RESULT FROM OBSERVATION OF A SINGLE OBJECTIVE REALITY BUT RATHER FROM WHAT OBSERVER CHOOSES TO "SEE"; HOW HE SYNTHESIZES THIS VISION.
14. INDOCHINA
IN SECOND ARTICLE FROM HANOI, ST LOUIS POST-DISPATCH'S DUDMAN WRITES ABOUT "REMARKABLE" START VIETS HAVE MADE AT RECOVERY. SAYS WORST IS OVER NOW THAT COUNTRY HAS BEGUN TO FEED ITSELF. SAYS SEVERAL NEW COMMUNIST MGRS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TASKS OF PEACE RIVALED THE TASKS OF WAR, BUT SAID LITTLE ABOUT "ELBOW/BACK-SLIDING FREQUENTLY DENOUNCED IN PUBLIC SPEECHES COMMUNIST PAPERS. IN NORTH, DUDMAN SAYS VIETS ATTEMPTING REACH MID-LEVEL INDUSTRIALIZATION BY YR 2000 FROM STARTLINGLY PRIMITIVE BASE; KEEP MACHINERY RUNNING THROUGH QUICK REPAIRS BY STREET MECHANICS. REMAINING IN SOUTH, HE SAYS, IS RELATIVELY ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL ECON, PARTLY MECHANIZED AGRIC SYSTEM, MODERN HIGHWAY NETWORK. BUT CONTRARY TO REPORTS, HE SAYS SOUTH APPEARS BE BURDEN RATHER THAN ASSET FOR HANOI. SINCE MANY IN SKILLED PROFESSIONAL CLASS FLED COUNTRY, NORTH HAS HAD TO SUPPLY SOUTH W/MGRS, TECHNICIANS, DOCTORS, TEACHERS, EQUIPMENT, FOOD (BGLOBE, NYDN BOTH W/PHOTOS 10/31; WPOST W PHOTO, BSUN 11 1).
15. KOREA
BUCHANAN (NYDN) ASSERTS "SUCCESSFUL COVER-UP" OF CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL IN MAKING. CITES 6 "SLEAZY STEPS" POINT TOWARD FACT, INCL: EARLY DISCLOSURE DOJ INDICTMENT TONGSUN PARK; FAILURE DOJ

MISSION TO SEOUL; "BROAD HINTS" FROM ETHICS CMTE/DOJ THAT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE IMPLICATE ANY INCUMBENT. VANCE

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